



DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Dr. Peter Gansen, residing in Seeburg, Germany, Zeev Biro, residing in Haan, Germany, and Adolf Stender, residing in Duderstadt, Germany, declare that we are citizens of Germany, and that we believe we are the original, first and joint inventors of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

Composite Material

the specification of which is attached hereto.

We hereby state that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims.

We acknowledge the duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office all information known to be material to patentability as defined in §1.56.

We hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of Prior Foreign Application 100 24 097.6-43, filed in Germany on 18 May 2000.

We hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, §120 of any United States application listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, §112, we acknowledge the duty to disclose all information known to us to be material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

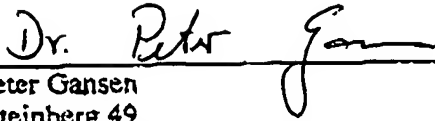
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(Application Serial No.)	(Filing Date)	(Status)

There is no foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

We hereby appoint Robert E. Muir, Patent Office Reg. No. 23,017, David A. Chambers, Patent Office Reg. No. 50,788, telephone number 309-637-4900, and H. Frederick Rusche, Patent Office Reg. No. 45,061, telephone number 314-421-4800 our attorneys and/or agents, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected with this application. Please address all correspondence to:

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We hereby declare that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.



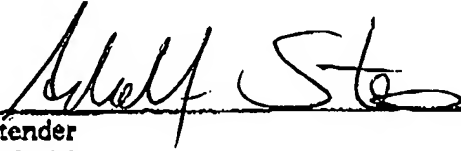
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